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THE King of Morocco's LETTER BY HIS AMBASSADOR TO THE King of England.

WHEN theſe our Letters ſhall be ſo happy as to come to *Your Majeſties* ſight, I wiſh the Spirit of the *Righteous God* may ſo direct Your Mind, that You may joyfully embrace the Meſſage I ſend. The Regal Power allotted to Us, makes us firſt *common Servants* to our Creator, then of *thoſe People* whom we Govern: So that obſerving the *Duties* we owe to God, we deliver Bleſſings to the world. In providing for the Publick Good of our Eſtates, we magniſie the Honour of God, like *the Celeſtial Bodies*, which though they have much Veneration, yet ſerve only to the *Beneſit* of the World. It is the excellency of our *Office* to be Inſtruments, whereby Happineſs is delivered to Nations.

Pardon me Sir! This is not to *Inſtruct*, (for I know I ſpeak to one of a more clear and quick *ſight* than my ſelf) But I ſpeak this, becauſe God hath pleaſed to grant me a happy Victory over ſome part of thoſe *Rebellious Pyrates*, that ſo long have moleſted the peaceable Trade of *Europe*; and hath preſented further occaſion to root out the Generation of thoſe, who have been ſo pernicious to the Good of our Nations: I mean ſince it hath pleaſed God to be ſo Auſpicious to our beginnings, in the Conqueſt of *Sallee*,

that we might join and proceed in hope of like Succeſs in the Wars of *Tunis*, *Algiers* and other places (*Dens* and *Receptacles* of the inhumane Villanies of thoſe who abhor Rule and Government.) Herein whilſt we interrupt the Corruption of malignant Spirits of the world, we ſhall glorifie the *Great God*, and perform a Duty, that will ſhine as glorious as the *Sun* and *Moon*, which all the Earth may ſee and reverence: A work that ſhall aſcend as ſweet as the *Perfume* of the moſt precious Odours in *the Noſtrils of the Lord*; a work grateful and happy to men; a work whoſe Memory ſhall be reverenced ſo long as there ſhall be any remaining amongſt men, that love and honour the *Piety* and Vertue of Noble Minds. This Action I here willingly preſent to You, whoſe *Piety* and Vertues equal the Greatneſs of Your Power, that we who are *Vicegerents* to the Great and *Mighty God*, may hand in hand Triumph in the Glory which the Action preſents unto us.

Now becauſe the Iſlands which You Govern, have been ever Famous for the unconquered Strength of their Shipping, I have ſent this my Truſty Servant and *Ambaſſador*, to know whether in Your Princely Wiſdom You ſhall think fit to aſſiſt me with ſuch Forces by Sea as ſhall be anſwerable to thoſe I provide by Land; which if You pleaſe to grant, I doubt not but the *Lord of Hoſts* will protect and aſſiſt thoſe that Fight in ſo glorious a Cauſe. Nor ought you to think this ſtrange that I, who ſo much Reverence the Peace and Accord of Nations, ſhould Exhort to a War: Your Great Prophet *CHRIST JESUS* was the *Lion of the Tribe of Judah*, as well as the *Lord and Giver of Peace*; which may ſignifie unto You, That He which is a Lover and Maintainer of Peace, muſt alwayes appear with the terror of his Sword; and wading through Seas of *Blood*, muſt arrive to *Tranquillity*. This made *James* your Father of Glorious memory, ſo happily Renown'd amongſt all Nations. It was the Noble Fame of Your *Princely Virtues* which reſounds to the utmoſt *corners of the earth*, that perſuaded me to invite You to partake of that Bleſſing wherein I boaſt my Self moſt happy. I wiſh God may heap the Riches of his Bleſſings on You, encreaſe Your Happineſs with your Days; and hereafter perpetuate the Greatneſs of Your *Name* in all Ages.

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